New free trade zone port

845. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to announce new free trade zone ports during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so which States are likely to meet the new free trade zone ports every facility; and

(c) what is the number of free trade xone ports in the country at present and what is the average daily profits earned from the Export-Import trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MNISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At present there is no free trade zone port in the country.

Offer of tie-up from Sweden in the Transport Sector

846. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has recently been any offer from Sweden for a tie-up with India in the Transport Sector; and

(b) if so. what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Amendment *to* Motor Vehicle Act

847. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission ha,: recommended privatisation of Bus Transport; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to amend the Motor Vehicle Act to enable the private sector to ply buses with A!l India permits issued by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Planning Commission has recommended t ha (i) there should be no expansion of State Road Transport Corporations (SRTCs); and (ii) SRTCs should gradually make room for private sector except in area$_5$ where private sector is unlikely to come.

(b) No, Sir. It is felt that the present level of participation in passenger transport by SRTUs (State Road Transort Undertakings) vis-a-vis Private Sector should continue with $_a$ view to providing basic transport facilities to a very large segment of population at reasonable fares, and also to connect the undeveloped and remote regions of the country.

हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा केन्द्रीय सड़क निधि में से सहायता प्रदान करने का अनुरोध

848. श्री महेश्वर सिंह : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या माननीय मंत्री जी को हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार की ओर से बुशैरी कुण्डी सड़क बरास्ता न्यूल के निर्माण हेतु केन्द्रीय सड़क निधि में से वित्तीय सहयता प्रदान करने के संबंध में कोई अनुरोध प्राप्त हुआ है।

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा उक्त अनुरोध पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर): (क) हाल में ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

(ख) तथा (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।